

Date

Sheila Clark
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Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2016-561

Dear Ms. Clark:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its July 15, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion concerning post-employment restrictions that would apply to you as a former employee of the DeSoto Parish School System (DPSS). You stated that you are currently employed as the Coordinator of Student Learning in the Media Center within DPSS and plan to retire on June 30, 2016. You also stated that part of your current job duties is to perform Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) observations at DeSoto Parish schools. After your retirement, you are interested in contracting with DPSS to provide support and service to the DeSoto Early Childhood Network Program Partners by performing CLASS observations at DeSoto Parish schools.

The Board concluded and instructed me to inform you that you would be prohibited by the Code of Governmental Ethics from contracting with DPSS to perform CLASS observations for a period of two years following your retirement. Section 1121B of the Ethics Code prohibits a former public employee, for a period of two years following the termination of his public employment, from assisting another person for compensation, in a transaction involving the agency of the former public employee, in which the public employee participated at any time during his public employment. Additionally, Section 1121B prohibits a former public employee, for a period of two years following the termination of his public employment, from rendering the same service which he rendered during his public employment on a contractual basis to, for, or on behalf of his former agency. Because you performed CLASS observations on behalf of DPSS during your employment, you would be prohibited from performing this same service on a contractual basis for DPSS for two years following your retirement.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Jennifer T. Land
For the Board